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Weekly Cold-related Illness Surveillance Report

February 21, 2012

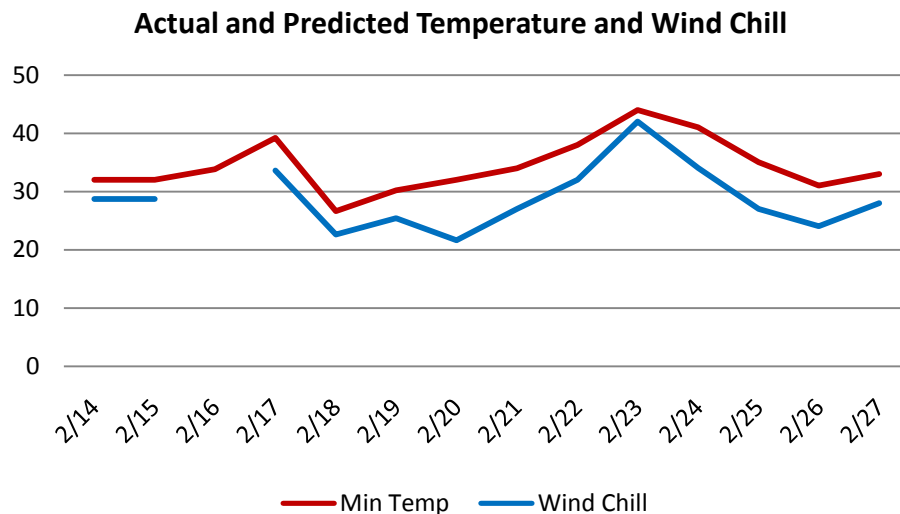
Reporting for February 14, 2012 through February 20, 2012

This information is used to make a Cold Advisory but is not a Cold Advisory in itself.

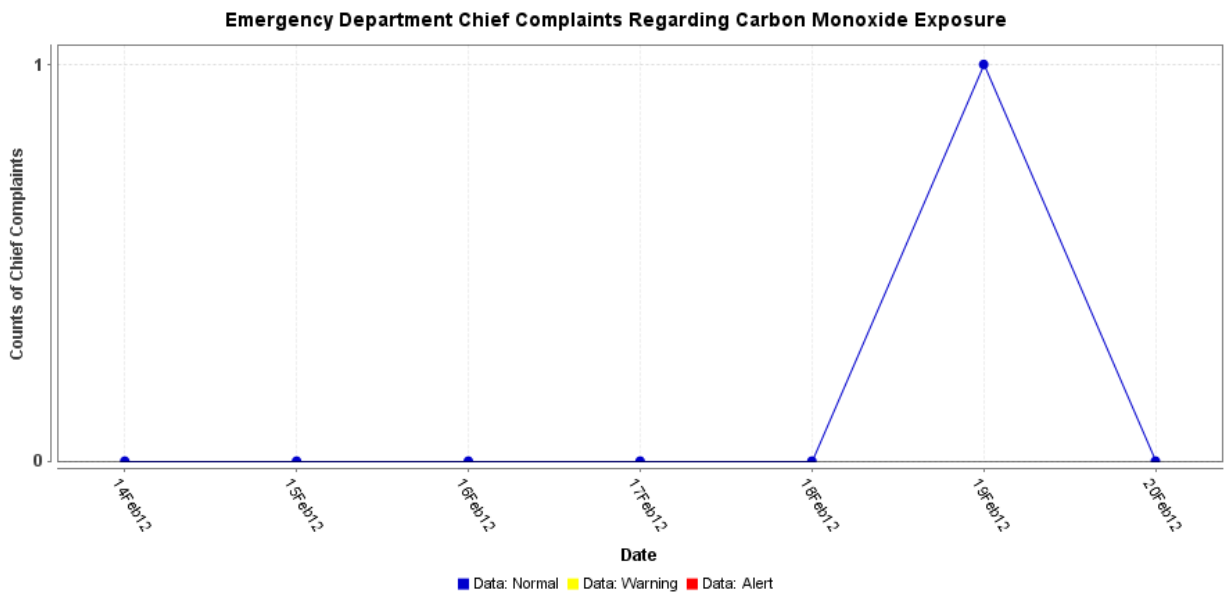
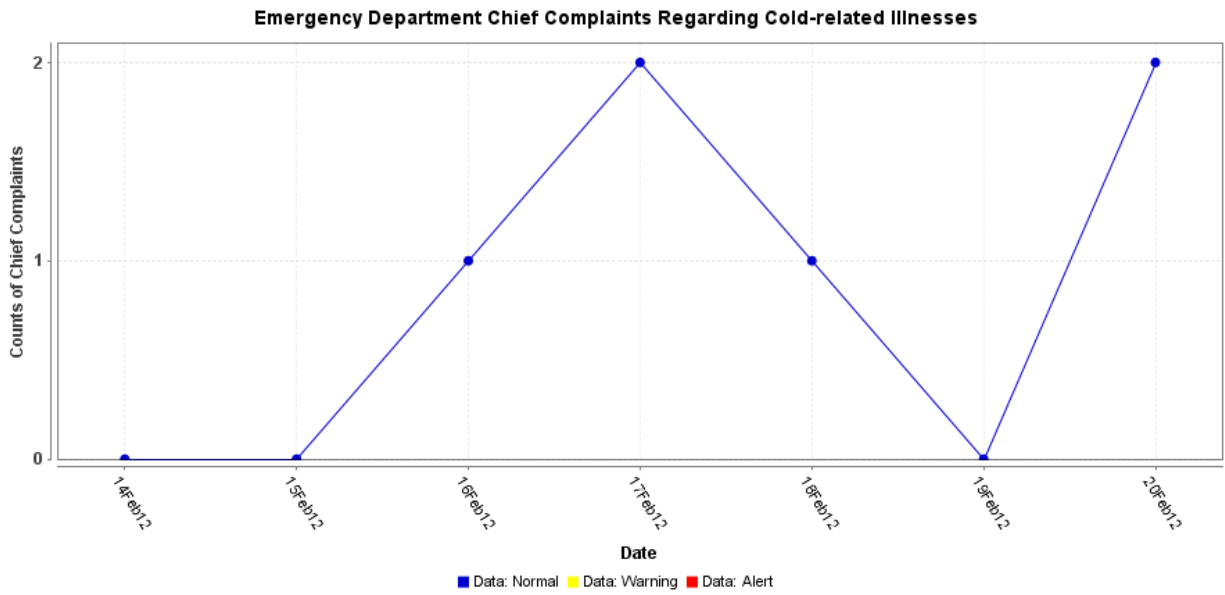
National Weather Service Forecast: No cold-related warnings or alerts

Cold Advisory Declared This Week: 0

Total Cold Advisories Declared: 0



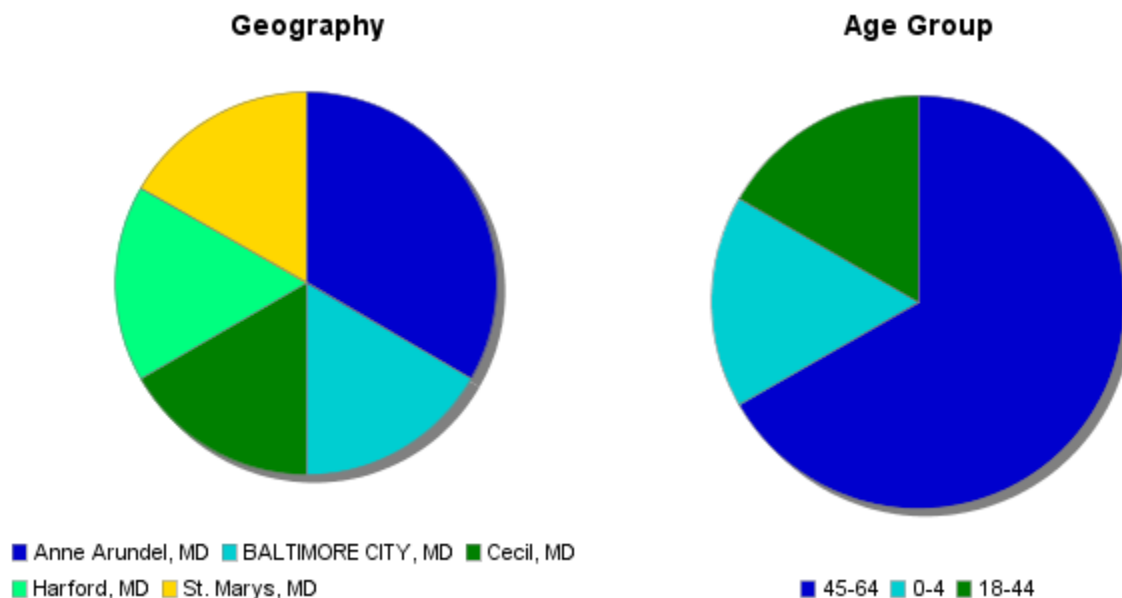
Note: Wind Chill is only calculated for temperatures below 50°F and wind speeds above 3 mph



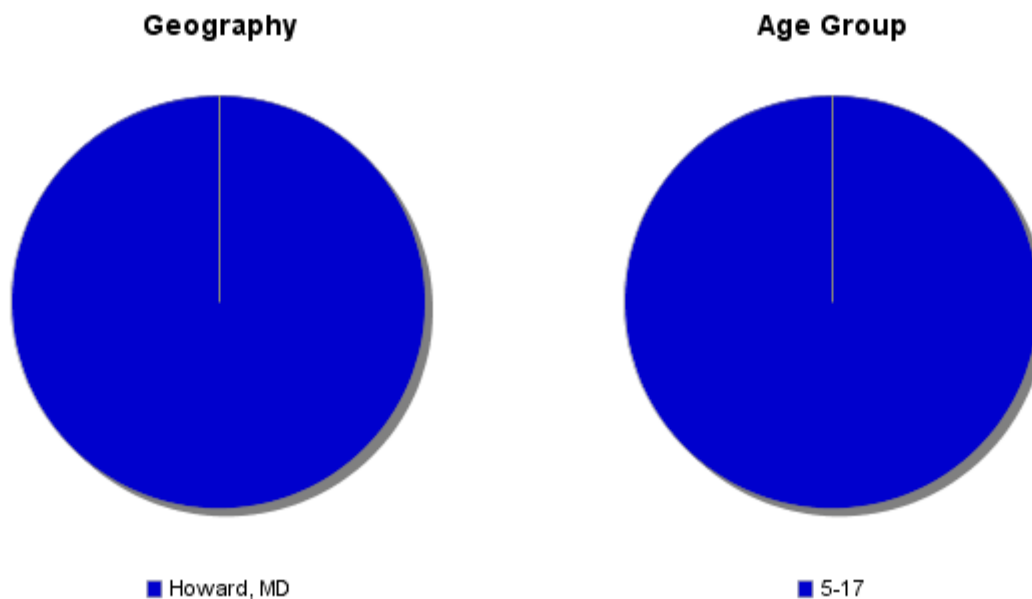
Date	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses	Number of Chief Complaints Regarding Carbon Monoxide Exposure
February 14	0	0
February 15	0	0
February 16	1	0
February 17	2	0
February 18	1	0
February 19	0	1
February 20	2	0

There were no chief complaint clusters identified this week.

Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Cold-related Illnesses for February 14 through February 20, 2011



Geographical and Age Group Distribution of Emergency Department Chief Complaints Regarding Carbone Monoxide Exposure for February 14 through February 20, 2011



**There were no cold-related deaths reported this week.
There have been a total of 8 cold-related deaths so far this winter.**

Cold Advisory Criteria: A Cold Advisory will be made for wind chill factors of -5°F or less. We may issue a Cold Advisory for combinations of conditions such as low temperature, extended cold waves and precipitation. Criteria are based on National Weather Service guidelines.¹

Note: The cold report will be released on Tuesdays, with the reporting period being the previous Tuesday through Monday.

¹ NWS Wind Chill Factor Chart: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/windchill/>

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